

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Kindly replace the paragraph on Page 6, beginning line 15, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 10 is an elevational view depicting the connection of two end panels depicted in Fig. 4 to interconnect three main panels to form the cargo containment apparatus depicted in Figs. [[7 9]] 7-9;

Kindly replace the paragraph on Page 6, beginning at line 18, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 11 is an elevational view depicting the connection of two link members depicted in Figs. 6a and 6b to interconnect three main panels to form the cargo containment apparatus depicted in Figs. [[7 9]] 7-9;

Kindly replace the paragraph on Page 8, beginning at line 7, with the following paragraph:

Referring to Figs. [[1 11]] 1-11, a first embodiment of a cargo containment apparatus incorporating the principles of the instant invention can best be seen. Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a main panel member 10 that can be used in a three-panel version 30 of the

cargo containment apparatus. The main panel 10 has a height dimension that is preferably more than half the height of a conventional paper grocery bag, and a length dimension that is preferably more than twice the height dimension. The main panel 10 is formed with cutouts 12 within the hinge areas 18 at each opposing end, and centrally located cutouts 13 at a central hinge area 19, to permit the insertion of link members 20 for pivotally connecting at least three main panels 10, as will be described in greater detail below.

Kindly replace the paragraph on Page 10, beginning at line 27, with the following paragraph:

The three-panel configuration 30 of the cargo containment apparatus can be seen best in Figs. [[7 9]] 7-9. Joined end panels 22 or alternative link members 28, 29 are fitted between three main panels 10 oriented in a parallel manner with the respective pivot heads 23, and 24 joined with 27, snapped into engagement with the cutouts 12, 13 so that the pivot knobs 25 are engaged into the pivot knob sockets 26 in the hinge areas 18, 19 of the main panels 22. The three parallel main panels 10 can then be collapsed against one another and folded into a closed transport configuration, as shown in Fig. 7, which can be stored on the floor 33a in the cargo area of an automotive vehicle or at a remote location until needed. One main panel 10 is movable relative to the other main panels 10. For example, the three main panels 10 can be oriented into a partially opened configuration, as depicted in Fig. 8, or a fully opened position, as depicted in Fig. 9.